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Have You Sent A Message To A Serviceman Lately? Mars Will Help

The military affiliate radio system (MARS) is comprised of several hundred military radio stations and thousands of radio amateurs who voluntarily affiliate with the military system. In addition to processing day to day official message traffic, MARS also handles morale messages to personnel of the military services from their relatives and friends. You are invited to use this public service whenever you wish, without cost. Each message is normally limited to 25 words or less, but there is no limit on the number of messages you may send. Messages do not have to be of an urgent nature. Delivery of messages cannot be guaranteed and of course neither MARS stations nor the USAF can be held liable for failure to deliver.

The use of MARS stations, especially as the Holiday Season approaches is greatly encouraged. Our service men and women overseas welcome the word from home. They, too, may also use MARS facilities to cheer up the folks back home. These exchanges of greetings are great morale boosters for everyone.

Lyndon B. Johnson says "I have learned that you are now

handling over 30,000 messages per month. You may be proud of this fine example of voluntary public service which has provided a significant boost to the morale of our military services, especially the men in Vietnam. May your signals never fail."

Anyone who has a husband, son, daughter or sweetheart in the Armed Forces, either in this country or overseas, is invited to use the facilities of Air Force MARS. MARS members are more than happy to be of service.

The Air Force MARS members serving the area are:

Walter E. Lenk, AFA1YTY, 22 Priscilla Circle, Phone: 235-8519, Marshall Cannell, AFB 1DMC, 25 Sheridan Road, Phone: 237-0055, William Emerson, AFB 1EVD, 115 Westgate Road, Phone: 235-8086, George Allen, AFB1HUY, 51 Pine Plain Road, Phone: 235-0211.

Please feel free to contact any of these stations anytime after 6:00 P.M. Local Time. For overseas messages please include "APO" numbers.

Further information can be had by contacting John W. Szretter, State MARS Director, 25 Westfield Road, Natick 01760.